

Scenario Worksheet

Practice and Scenario Description:

Information Type	Data
Region	New England
State	Connecticut
Discipline Group	Agronomy
Practice Code/Name	330 - Contour Farming
Scenario ID	1
Scenario Name	Contour Farming
Scenario Description	This scenario meets the specifications of the NRCS Contour Farming Standard. This scenario applies to fields greater than 5 acres. Payment reflects the extra labor and initial supervision costs in implementing and following contour farming compared to other methods. More time is usually needed when following contour operations due to more equipment time in shorter rows and more equipment turning. Annual erosion rates for the rotation exceeds tolerance levels. Excessive runoff leads to sedimentation of waterways.
Before Practice Situation	The typical field size in this geographical region for this scenario is 15 acres. The field slope averages 6% while the slope length averages 160 feet. All farming operations on this cropland field including disking, bedding, planting, and cultivation are performed parallel to the slope. This row arrangement usually results in longer rows with less time used for turning. Annual erosion rates for the rotation exceeds tolerance levels. Excessive runoff leads to sedimentation of waterways.
After Practice Situation	This practice is installed on the entire field. A survey is completed by trained and certified Federal, State, local personnel or consultant to determine and "stake" contour row arrangement. Permanent row markers are established to ensure that this practice is maintained for the life of this practice. All field operations including: disking, bedding, planting, and cultivation are performed on the contour which is near perpendicular to the field slope. The farm manager is initially on site to ensure that equipment operator is properly following contour methods. Soil erosion rates are reduced by nearly half and may be below tolerance depending on the rotation. Likewise, sedimentation has been significantly reduced.
Scenario Feature Measure	acre
Scenario Unit	Acre
Scenario Typical Size	15

Cost Summary:

Cost Category	Scenario Cost	Scenario Cost/Unit
Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment/Installation	\$26.51	\$1.77
Labor	\$196.74	\$13.12
Mobilization	\$0.00	\$0.00
Acquisition of Technical Knowledge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Foregone Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$223.25	\$14.88

Cost Details:

Cost Category	Component ID	Component Name	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation	939	Truck, Pickup	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$26.51	1	\$26.51
Labor	232	Equipment Operators, Light	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$23.90	3	\$71.70
Labor	234	Supervisor or Manager	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$41.68	3	\$125.04